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Lorie Baker  
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US EPA Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report for the Brusowankin & Sons Dry-Cleaners Site

Dear Ms. Baker:

Enclosed are the Pre-CERCLIS screening report and Site Discovery forms for the Brusowankin & Sons Dry-Cleaner site drafted by the Maryland Department of the Environment, Federal Assessment and Remediation Division (MDE). The report addresses a site identified in the *Maryland Dry-Cleaner Initiative* report.

The objectives of the Pre-CERCLIS screenings are to categorize those sites identified in recent site initiatives which, (1) may need further investigation, and (2) need no further investigation. MDE performed screenings for the site and determined that there is sufficient cause to proceed with further investigation.

The enclosed Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report is submitted in accordance with the current cooperative agreement. If you have additional questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (410) 537-3449.

Sincerely,

Alex M. Cox, Project Manager  
Federal Assessment and Remediation Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Horacio Tablada  
Mr. James Carroll  
Ms. Peggy Smith



**PRE-CERCLIS SCREENING ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST/DECISION FORM**

This checklist can assist the site investigator during the Pre-CERCLIS screening. It will be used to determine whether further steps in the site investigation process are required under CERCLA. Use additional sheets, if necessary.

**Checklist Preparer:** Alex M. Cox August 22, 2012  
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**Site Name:** Brusowankin & Sons

**Previous Names (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Location:** 925 E. Baltimore Street  
 (Street)

Baltimore, MD  
 (City) (ST) (Zip)

**Latitude:** 39.290425° **Longitude:** -76.603444°

Complete the following checklist. If "yes" is marked, please explain below.	YES	NO
1. Does the site already appear in CERCLIS?		X
2. Is the release from products that are part of the structure of, and result in exposure within, residential buildings or businesses or community structures?		X
3. Does the site consist of a release of a naturally occurring substance in its unaltered form, or altered solely through naturally occurring processes or phenomena, from a location where it is naturally found?		X
4. Is the release into a public or private drinking water supply due to deterioration of the system through ordinary use?		X
5. Is some other program actively involved with the site (i.e., another Federal, State, or Tribal program)?		X
6. Are the hazardous substances potentially released at the site regulated under a statutory exclusion (i.e., petroleum, natural gas, natural gas liquids, synthetic gas usable for fuel, normal application of fertilizer, release located in a workplace, naturally occurring, or regulated by the NRC, UMTRCA, or OSHA)?		X
7. Are the hazardous substances potentially released at the site excluded by policy considerations (e.g., deferral to RCRA Corrective Action)?		X
8. Is there sufficient documentation that clearly demonstrates that there is no potential for a release that could cause adverse environmental or human health impacts (e.g., comprehensive remedial investigation equivalent data showing no release above ARARs, completed removal action, documentation showing that no hazardous substance releases have occurred EPA approved risk assessment completed) ?		X

**Please explain all "yes" answer(s), attach additional sheets if necessary:**

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United States Environmental Protection Agency	<b>POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE</b> SITE IDENTIFICATION ("DISCOVERY")				<b>I. IDENTIFICATION</b>	
				01 ST	02 SITE NUMBER	
				MD		
<b>II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION</b>						
01 SITE NAME (Legal, common, or descriptive name of site)				02 STREET, ROUTE NUMBER, OR SPECIFIC LOCATION IDENTIFIER		
Brusowankin & Sons				925 E. Baltimore Street		
03 CITY				04 ST	05 ZIP CODE	06 COUNTY
Baltimore				MD		Baltimore City
07 CO CODE				08 CONG DIST		
				03		
09 DIRECTIONS TO SITE (Starting from nearest public road; enter up to 4 lines of text)						
From Downtown Baltimore, Corner of Charles and Baltimore Streets. Proceed east on Baltimore Street for 9 blocks. Site is on the right at 925 E. Baltimore Street.						
<b>III. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES</b>						
01 OWNER (If known)				02 STREET (Business, residential, mailing)		
03 CITY				04 ST	05 ZIP CODE	06 TELEPHONE NUMBER
07 OPERATOR (If known and different from owner)				08 STREET (Business, residential, mailing)		
09 CITY				10 ST	11 ZIP CODE	12 TELEPHONE NUMBER
13 TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (Mark one; use "insert" mode)						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> B. FEDERAL (Agency name): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> C. STATE <input type="checkbox"/> D. COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> E. MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> F. OTHER (Specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> G. UNKNOWN						
<b>IV. HOW IDENTIFIED</b>						
01 DATE IDENTIFIED		02 IDENTIFIED BY (Mark all that apply; use "insert" mode)				
August 22, 2012 (Month/Day/Year)		<input type="checkbox"/> A. CITIZEN COMPLAINT <input type="checkbox"/> B. INDUSTRY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> D. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE <input type="checkbox"/> E. RCRA INSPECTION <input type="checkbox"/> F. SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT ASSESSMENT <input type="checkbox"/> G. OTHER EPA IDENTIFICATION <input type="checkbox"/> H. OTHER (Specify): _____				
<b>V. SITE CHARACTERIZATION</b>						
01 TYPE OF SITE (Mark all that apply; use "insert" mode)						
<input type="checkbox"/> A. STORAGE <input type="checkbox"/> B. TREATMENT <input type="checkbox"/> C. DISPOSAL <input type="checkbox"/> D. UNAUTHORIZED DUMPING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. OTHER (Specify): Vapor Intrusion						
02 SUMMARY OF KNOWN PROBLEMS (Provide narrative description; enter up to 6 lines of text)						
Dry cleaner operated on site for >50 years.						
03 SUMMARY OF ALLEGED OR POTENTIAL PROBLEMS (Provide narrative description; enter up to 5 lines of text)						
Vapor intrusion issues relative to a historic dry cleaning operation.						
<b>VI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM</b>						
01 CONTACT			02 OF (Agency/Organization)			03 TELEPHONE NUMBER
Alex Cox			MDE			410-537-3449
04 PREPARED BY			05 AGENCY	06 ORGANIZATION	07 TELEPHONE NUMBER	08 DATE (Month/Day/Year)
Alex M. Cox			MDE	LRP	410-537-3449	08/22/12



**Site Determination:** ☒ Enter the site into CERCLIS. Further assessment is recommended.

☐ The site is not recommended for placement into CERCLIS.

☐ More Information Needed.

**DECISION/DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:** (LEVEL 2 site: Operation >50 Years, Dry Cleaning Equipment and Suppliers) The site of Brusowankin & Sons is a three story block and brick structure in a residential commercial area just east of downtown Baltimore City. The building is currently vacant and boarded up pending the urban renewal taking place in the block. The buildings east of the site have recently been rehabilitated and several other structures are in the process of rehabilitation. A new grass lot separates the 925 structure from the adjacent structure to the east. The area is in the process of gentrification; old buildings are being rehabilitated and turned into new apartments and townhomes. Drinking water in the area is supplied by the City of Baltimore. The new residential housing has a potential for vapor intrusion issues.



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